High level Committee on Pension Reforms

528. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the high level Committee on Pension Reforms for the Central Government employees has submitted its Report;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Committee recommended for a scheme that allowed a fixed rate of contribution for the employees;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other recommendations of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Group has recommended, *inter-alia*, a scheme that combines contribution from employees and the Union Government on a matching basis, while committing to the employees a defined benefit as pension and a Voluntary Savings Scheme to which an employees may contribute at this option.

States' share from Central Taxes

529. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the share of States and Union Territories from the Central Taxes for the year 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 and estimated share for 2001-2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that Gujarat got share of only Rs. 1486 crores which is the lowest during the last three years;

(c) if so, the reasons for the shortfall of share to Gujarat in 2000-2001; and

(d) the total income from Central Excise, Customs and Direct Taxes of the Central Government during 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and from 1st April, 2001 to 31st January, 2002?